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FOR ATHERTON FROM AMBASSADOR PORTER

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: HAWKS FOR JORDAN

REF STATE 094203

1. DURING MY MEETING WITH PRINCE FADH TODAY (APRIL 20 HE INDICATED HIS UNDERSTANDING OF AND AGREEMENT WITH OUR OPINION THAT SAG SHOULD PROCEED ALONG LINES WE RECOMMEND ON JORDAN HAWKS. WE DISCUSSED ONLY NEED FOR FOURTEEN HAWK BATTERIES AND ONE HUNDRED VULCANS. REST OF PACKAGE TO BE RELEGATED TO PHASE TWO. HE SAID HE WOULD TAKE SECRETARY'S MESSAGE TO KING AND GIVE ME REPLY WITHIN ONE WEEK. HE FULLY UNDERSTANDS TIME FACTOR.

2. DETAILS OF CONVERSATION FOLLOW. UNTIL WE GET FAHD'S REPLY, REQUEST ALL COMMENT TO JORDANIANS BE LIMITED TO STATEMENT QUOTE WE SEEM BE MAKING PROGRESS. END QUOTE. I AM DEPENDING ON YOU FOR THAT. IT WOULD HAVE DISASTROUS EFFECT IF RIFAI WERE TO MENTION SUBJECT IN ANY WAY BEFORE (OR AFTER) SAUDIS REPLY. CROWN PRINCE RADIATED HIS DISLIKE AND DISTRUST FOR RIFAI DURING WHOLE TWO AND ONE-HALF HOUR DISCUSSION.
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